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REPLY TO JANUARY 28, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

This is a reply to the January 28th office action in which the Examiner rejected Claims 1-10 under either 35 U.S.C. § 112 for indefiniteness; 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation in view of EP 455379 (Larson et al.), EP 960919 (Kelly et al.), EP 867484 (Miyabayashi et al.), EP 590604 (Hatfield et al.) or US 5622778 (Horie et al.); or 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for obviousness in view of EP 867484 or US 5622778 in further view of US 5959024 (Farwaha et al.). No fees are believed due and if any fees are due in this matter, charge Deposit Account No. 18-1850. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the remarks and amendment presented below.

AMENDMENT

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as shown below.

1. (Amended) A polymeric binder comprising a polymer having a glass transition temperature in the range from -20°C to 25°C, an average particle diameter in the range from 250 to 400 nm, a particle size distribution such that essentially all the particles have a diameter in the

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